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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER LOUIS DE
GUIRINGAUD, JUNE 15 AT 3:15 PM, QUAI D'ORSAY

FOLLOWING IS REVISED BRIEFING PAPER FOR SECRETARY'S
MEETING WITH GUIRINGAUD:
PARTICIPANTS:

US FRANCE

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THE SECRETARY LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD
AMBASSADOR HARTMAN BENOIT D'ABOVILLE,
GEORGE VEST (NOTETAKER)
EMBASSY NOTETAKER PLUS OTHERS

ISSUES

1. AFRICA

A. ZAIRE

US OBJECTIVES

TO INVESTIGATE FRENCH THINKING REGARDING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN TROOPS PRESENTLY IN SHABA,

INCLUDING A TIMEFRAME FOR THEIR STAY. TO INDICATE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC RESUPPLY NEEDS WITHIN THE TIGHT LEGAL AVENUES OPEN TO US.

FRENCH OBJECTIVE

TO SECURE EXPANDED AMERICAN MILITARY, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR THE SHABA FORCE.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: ZAIRE IS CENTRAL TO YOUR DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS IN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY THE QUADRIPARTITE BREAKFAST ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CURRENT ZAIRIAN THEMES: (A) THE FIVE-PARTY DEMARCHE TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU CONCERNING THE NECESSITY FOR REFORM, (B) TUESDAY'S AND WEDNESDAY'S MEETING ON THE "MOBUTU PLAN" IN BRUSSELS, AND (C) CONTINU-
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ING SUPPORT FOR THE SHABA FORCE.

IF THE FIVE-PARTY DEMARCHE, WHICH WE HOPE WILL TAKE PLACE IN KINSHASA TODAY (THURSDAY), HAS BEEN DELAYED ON ACCOUNT OF FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH THE SUGGESTED TEXT, YOU MIGHT WISH TO EXPAND ON THE TOUGH LINE SET OUT IN THE QUADRIPARTITE BRIEFING MEMO. WE VIEW THE EXPEDITIOUS ENGAGEMENT OF MOBUTU IN A JOINT DIALOGUE ON FUNDAMENTAL REFORM, AS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ALL WESTERN EFFORTS TO RESTORE STABILITY IN ZAIRE. MOBUTU MUST GET THIS MESSAGE IN STRONG CERTAIN TERMS FROM US ALL.

OUR DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH UPDATES ON THE ECONOMIC MEETING AS IT PROGRESSES. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ISSUES AT BRUSSELS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE DECISIONS. WE ARE THERE TO LISTEN AND TO FURTHER MULTILATERAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION VIS-A-VIS ZAIRE.

THE BRITISH HAVE TOLD US THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DEGUINGAUD SUGGESTED TO DAVID OWEN AT THE COPENHAGEN EC MEETINGS THAT THE FIVE SHOULD GET SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE BRUSSELS MEETING TO JOIN IN THE

JOINT DEMARCHE TO MOBUTU.

DE GUIRINGAUD WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SOLICIT AMERICAN AID IN CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THE SHABA FORCE. IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE, WE REQUIRE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF FRENCH AND SAUDI INTENTIONS TOWARD THE FORCE, INCLUDING A TIMEFRAME FOR ITS EXISTENCE. WE WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY OPEN-ENDED ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE THE FORCE'S ONGOING SUPPLY, BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC RESUPPLY NEEDS.

POINTS TO BE MADE

-- UNDERLINE AGAIN OUR BELIEF THAT REFORM IS INTRINSIC
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TO RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT PLAGUE ZAIRE. MOBUTU WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS AS THE BASIS FOR CONTINUED WESTERN COLLABORATION.

-- ALL OF THE WESTERN PARTNERS WILL HAVE TO BE VIGILANT AND FIRM IN MONITORING ZAIRIAN PROGRESS IN THIS REGARD. WE CANNOT LET OUR CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED SCENARIO WITH ITS VERY POSITIVE LONGER-RANGE IMPLICATIONS SLIP AWAY.

-- LEGAL AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS PROHIBIT US FROM ENTERING INTO ANY OPEN-ENDED RESUPPLY ARRANGEMENT. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME THAT IN ESTABLISHING THE LOGISTICAL SYSTEM, THAT YOU IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MOROCCANS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SHABA FORCE, WILL BE IN A POSITION TO COLLECT AND AGGREGATE THE RESUPPLY NEEDS AS THEY DEVELOP.

-- WHEN REQUIREMENTS ARE THUS IDENTIFIED, WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THEM WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING TO WHAT EXTENT, AND IN WHAT MANNER, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO SUCH NEEDS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF U.S. LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.

-- WE SEE THE NEED TO REVIEW THE MANDATE OF THE SHABA FORCE AFTER 60 OR 90 DAYS. WE HOPE THAT A PROCEDURE INVOLVING ALL THE PARTICIPATING PARTIES CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO CONFIRM SUCH A MANDATE.

-- IN A SIMILAR CONTEXT, WE DEEM IT DESIRABLE TO EXPAND THE SHABA FORCE TO INCLUDE, IF POSSIBLE, AN ANGLOPHONE CONTINGENT. IT WOULD ALSO BE POLITICALLY EXPEDIENT TO
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GET THE FORCE UNDER AN OAU AEGIS.

-- TO BROADEN THE DEMARCHE TO INCLUDE OTHER COUNTRIES
WOULD NEEDLESSLY COMPLICATE AND SLOW-DOWN OUR APPROACH
WHICH NEEDS TO BE MADE VERY QUICKLY. OUR INCLINATION
IS TO GO FORWARD ON WITH THE FIVE.

B. ANGOLA

U.S. OBJECTIVE

TO EXPLORE FRENCH THINKING REGARDING THE PROCESS OF
ENCOURAGING RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE.

FRENCH OBJECTIVE

THE FRENCH APPARENTLY HAVE DOUBLE VISION IN LOOKING AT
ANGOLA. ONE ONE HAND THEY NOTE THE NEED TO REDUCE TEN-
SIONS WITH ZAIRE, WHILE THEY EXPAND THEIR CLANDESTINE
ASSISTANCE TO UNITA.

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: AT LAST WEEK'S PARIS MEETING THE
FRENCH SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT MEDIATION BETWEEN ZAIRE
AND ANGOLA IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR OVERALL STRATEGY
FOR ZAIRE. THE FRENCH (BOTH GEORGY AND JOURNIAC) NOW SAY
THEY RECOGNIZE THAT CESSATION OF OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR
UNITA IS A VITAL ELEMENT IN ANY SCENARIO TO NEUTRALIZE
THE KATANGAN THREAT. THE DIPLOMATIC SECTION OF THE
PARIS MEETING'S PAPER ON REFORM STATED THAT ZAIRE SHOULD
"ENCOURAGE DIALOGUE WITH ANGOLA AND ... EXPLORE ALL
MEDIATION POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY CERTAIN AFRICAN
STATES (CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE AND ZAMBIA)." GEORGY WENT
FARTHER IN THE DISCUSSIONS, SAYING: "MOBUTU CANNOT AID
UNITA AND EXPECT A SOLUTION TO THE KATANGA PROBLEM."
(AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS
THAT FRANCE, ALONG WITH MOROCCO AND SAUDI ARABIA, ARE
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STEPPING UP THEIR AID TO UNITA, INDICATE SOME FRENCH
AMBIVALENCE ON THE SUBJECT. AT YOUR JUNE 9 BREAKFAST
MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, HE APPROVED OUR PURSUING
THE RECONCILIATION IDEA WITH THE FRENCH, AND YOU INDI-
CATED YOU WOULD SOUND THEM OUT TO GET AN ACCURATE READING
OF THEIR VIEWS.

LAST WEEK WE FURNISHED THE FRENCH WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF ANGOLAN INTERNAL POLITICS (STATE 146480). THEY FOUND THIS ANALYSIS USEFUL AND MAY WISH TO DISCUSS IT WITH YOU.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- THE FUTURE OF ZAIRE DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE PROVISION OF SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AND INTERNAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS, BUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND STABILITY BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ITS NEIGHBORS.

-- WE THUS CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT THERE BE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN ZAIRE AND ANGOLA, WITH THE AIM OF A PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION OF BORDER TENSIONS AND OF EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR EACH OTHER'S DISSIDENTS.

-- IT IS OUR IMPRESSION, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AT LAST WEEK'S PARIS MEETING, THAT THE FRENCH TAKE A SIMILAR VIEW. IS THIS CORRECT?

-- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE WESTERN POWERS CONCERNED DEVELOP A COMMON ASSESSMENT OF HOW ONE MIGHT ASSIST IN THE REDUCTION OF ANGOLAN/ZAIRIAN TENSIONS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY THOUGHTS GUIRINGAUD MAY HAVE ON THIS POINT.

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2. NONPROLIFERATION

A. PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: EMBASSY PARIS HAS DELIVERED YOUR LETTER ON THE PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT TO DE GUIRINGAUD, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR HARTMAN THAT THE FRENCH INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY WOULD MEET JUNE 15 TO CONSIDER THE SALE.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

WE RECOMMEND YOU REITERATE THE MAIN POINTS IN YOUR LETTER TO DE GUIRINGAUD:

-- WE ARE GRATIFIED AT THE FRENCH DECISION NOT TO PROCEED AND HOPE THE GOP WILL INFORM ISLAMABAD SOON.

-- WE HOPE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH PARIS AS WE ATTEMPT TO CONTAIN ANY ADVERSE PAKISTANI REACTION TO THE FRENCH

DECISION.

-- ALTHOUGH LEGAL CONSTRAINTS ON US GOVERNMENT CREDIT POLICY PRECLUDE OUR FINANCING FRENCH MILITARY SALES TO PAKISTAN, WE ARE PREPARED TO ENCOURAGE FINANCING BY IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GULF STATES.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND YOU MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

-- I AM PLANNING TO SEND UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM TO THE REGION, INCLUDING TEHRAN, KABUL, ISLAMABAD, DELHI AND JIDDA, IN MID-JULY TO ASSESS THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE AREA AND TO REASSURE THE REGIONAL STATES OF OUR
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WILL AND RESOLVE TO SUPPORT STABILITY IN THE REGION.

-- WE BELIEVE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT PAKISTAN KNOW ABOUT THE FRENCH DECISION BEFORE THE NEWSOM TRIP, SO THE UNDER SECRETARY WILL BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IN GREATER SUBSTANCE THE STEPS WE ARE WILLING TO TAKE TO WORK WITH FRANCE TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN. AN EARLY NOTIFICATION TO ISLAMABAD WILL ALSO ENABLE US TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO REASSURE A PAKISTAN CONSIDERABLY SHAKEN BY EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN OF OUR INTEREST IN ITS STABILITY AND SECURITY.

IF DE GUIRINGAUD RAISES STATUS OF THE INDUCEMENTS "PACKAGE" AND ASKS WHERE WE GO FROM HERE ON APPROACHING THE PAKISTANIS, WE THINK YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSE:

-- OUR INDUCEMENTS PACKAGE IS NOT IN FINAL FORM. VARIOUS ELEMENTS ARE KNOWN TO THE FRENCH.

-- I WANT TO REITERATE, HOWEVER, THE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE OF INFORMING THE PAKISTANIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE FRENCH DECISION. OUR ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD TO HELP PAKISTAN AND PROTECT OUR AND FRENCH INTERESTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE SEVERELY CIRCUMSCRIBED UNTIL THAT STEP IS TAKEN. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE IRANIANS NOTIFIED CONCURRENTLY SO THEY TOO CAN WEIGH IN WITH PAKISTAN.

FOR EMBASSY PARIS FYI - IF AFTER SECRETARY/DE GUIRINGAUD MEETING, THE FRENCH PUSH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE PACKAGE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THEM THAT DEPARTMENT WILL SEND NEA/PAB COUNTRY DIRECTOR JANE COON TO
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PARIS FOR TALKS ON THE INDUCEMENTS PACKAGE. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE OFFER ONLY IF PRESSED, HOWEVER, FOR WE WANT TO AVOID GIVING GOF JUSTIFICATION FOR FURTHER DELAY IN INFORMING ISLAMABAD OF ITS DECISION. END FYI.

--(IF DE GUIRINGAUD SUGGESTS WE APPROACH THE IRANIANS
-. (IF DE GUIRINGAUD SUGGESTS WE APPROACH THE IRANIANS
AND SAUDIS ABOUT FINANCING FRENCH MILITARY SALES BEFORE
PARIS INFORMS ISLAMABAD ABOUT THE DECISION, WE RECOMMEND
THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE.) AS I NOTED IN MY LETTER, WE DO
NOT THINK IT ADVISABLE TO APPROACH THOSE GOVERNMENTS
NOW FOR WE WANT TO DO ALL WE CAN TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY
OF PREMATURE PUBLIC ATTENTION TO YOUR DECISION. WE ALSO
BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST THAT THE FIRST
DISCUSSIONS WITH TEHRAN AND JIDDA ON THE FRENCH DECISION
BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, NOT THE U.S.
WE CONSEQUENTLY BELIEVE OUR INTERVENTIONS IN JIDDA AND
TEHRAN WOULD BE BETTER MADE AFTER THE FRENCH HAVE INFORMED
PAKISTAN, IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA OF ITS DECISION.

B. EURATOM

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: JOE NYE AND JACOMET HAVE AGREED ON
LANGUAGE FOR THE EC COMMUNICATION ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE U.S. THIS SUBJECT IS LIKELY TO BE REVIEWED, AND
PERHAPS EVEN DECIDED AT THE MEETING OF THE FRENCH
INTERMINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY ON
JUNE 15.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- PURSUANT TO OUR CONVERSATION MAY 29 IN WASHINGTON, OUR
RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS (JACOMET AND NYE) HAVE WORKED OUT
LANGUAGE WHICH MEETS OUR VARIOUS NEEDS.

-- WE HOPE THIS FORMULATION WILL GET SPEEDY APPROVAL
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FROM YOUR EC COLLEAGUES, SO THAT WE CAN WRAP UP THIS
PROCEDURAL MATTER AND RESUME SUPPLIES. WHAT DO YOU
THINK THE TIMETABLE FOR COMMUNITY APPROVAL WILL BE?

3. CHINA NUCLEAR REACTOR

DURING HIS BILATERAL WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON MAY 29,

GUIRINGAUD MENTIONED ON-GOING FRENCH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRC CONCERNING POSSIBLE SALE OF A FRAMATOME (WESTINGHOUSE LICENSED) NUCLEAR REACTOR. YOU TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD BE LOOKING INTO THIS, PARTICULARLY THE SAFEGUARD AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- OUR TECHNICAL EXPERTS ARE ACTIVELY PURSUING THIS QUESTION, BUT HAVE NOT YET DEFINED WHAT WE WOULD CONSIDER TO BE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS.

E ARE HOPEFUL THAT THIS WORK WILL BE COMPLETED SOON AND THAT PERHAPS YOUR TECHNICAL EXPERTS COULD MEET WITH OURS TO DISCUSS OUR CONCLUSIONS.

4. UNIFIL

YOU WILL PROBABLY WANT TO DISCUSS UNIFIL WITH GUIRINGAUD IN THE CURRENT RAPIDLY DEVELOPING SITUATION ABOUT WHICH YOU ARE FULLY BRIEFED.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WE BELIEVE THAT UNIFIL HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AND JUDGE FRANCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO IT TO BE EXTREMELY
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IMPORTANT.

-- WE WILL WANT TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH FRANCE TO OVERCOME ANY PROBLEMS RELATING TO UNIFIL WHICH MAY COME UP IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD.

5. FRENCH DEFEAT OF U.S. URBAN CONCERNS INITIATIVE IN THE OECD

ESSENTIAL FACTORS: AT THE JUNE 8 OECD COUNCIL MEETING THE U.S. INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC GROUP ON URBAN CONCERNS, WHICH YOU PROPOSED IN YOUR ADDRESS AT THE 1977 OECD MINISTERIAL, WAS UNEXPECTEDLY TORPEDOED BY THE FRENCH. HUD IS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED BY THIS TURN OF EVENTS SINCE SECRETARY HARRIS HAS PERSONALLY BACKED THIS INITIATIVE SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND HAS MAINTAINED A CONTINUING INTEREST IN ITS FATE. THE FUNCTION OF THE PROPOSED BODY WOULD BE TO COORDINATE CURRENT OECD WORK ON URBAN PROBLEMS, SET GUIDELINES FOR A FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND UNDERScore THE IMPORTANCE THE OECD ATTACHES TO THIS SUBJECT.

THE FRENCH WERE THE ONLY MAJOR COUNTRY TO OPPOSE THE URBAN CONCERNS INITIATIVE, WHICH OBTAINED THE STRONG BACKING OF MOST OTHER OECD MEMBERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CORE OF THE FRENCH OPPOSITION COMES FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH APPARENTLY HAS MADE A DECISION TO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THE CREATION OF ANY NEW BODIES IN THE OECD. WHILE WE CAN APPRECIATE THE FRENCH DESIRE TO LIMIT INCREASES IN THE OECD BUDGET AND RESIST THE PROLIFERATION OF NEW WORKING GROUPS, THE PROPOSED URBAN CONCERNS GROUP HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE TO IT WITHIN THE CURRENT BUDGET AND WOULD SELF-TERMINATE AFTER ONE YEAR.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

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-- WE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT FRANCE BLOCKED THE U.S. URBAN CONCERNS INITIATIVE IN THE OECD COUNCIL JUNE 8.

-- WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE FRENCH COULD RECONSIDER AND SUPPORT THIS U.S. INITIATIVE.

6. MALTA (IF RAISED)

U.S. OBJECTIVES

TO KEEP THE EUROPEANS (FRENCH, ITALIANS, AND GERMANS) OUT FRONT IN DEALING WITH MALTA ON ITS "NEUTRALITY" AND FUTURE AID; WHILE CONTINUING TO DENY SOVIET ACCESS, TO SEE IF NATO (EXCEPT U.S.) ACCESS CAN BE RETAINED; AND TO AVOID, FOR NOW AT LEAST, ANY U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN FUTURE ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS.

FRENCH OBJECTIVE

TO PERSUADE THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MALTA.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE EUROPEANS' SHARING INFORMATION WITH US ON MALTA. WHILE WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, WE CONTINUE TO REGARD MALTA AS PRIMARILY A RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS.

-- ON THE DRAFT "NEUTRALITY DECLARATIONS" WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FIND LANGUAGE THAT EXCLUDES ONLY
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THE U.S. AND THE USSR FROM MALTA'S SHIPYARDS SO THAT
OUR ALLIES CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY THEIR PRESENT ACCESS.

-- HOW CONFIDENT IS FRANCE THAT THE LANGUAGE WORKED
OUT WITH MALTA PROVIDES ADEQUATE ASSURANCE OF NO SOVIET
ACCESS, PARTICULARLY FOR REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE OF
WARSHIPS OR FLEET SUPPORT?

-- IN EXCHANGE FOR PROVIDING WHAT MINTOFF ADMITS TO BE A
BADLY NEEDED GUARANTEE OF THE SECURITY AND NEUTRAL
STATUS OF HIS DEFENSELESS ISLAND, (TO SAY NOTHING OF
ANY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE OFFERED), IT WOULD
SEEM REASONABLE THAT THE INTERESTED WEST EUROPEANS
SHOULD OBTAIN IRONCLAD ASSURANCES IN REGARD TO DENIAL
OF SOVIET ACCESS AND SOME ASSURANCE THAT MALTA'S
TRADITIONAL CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC TIES TO THE WEST CAN
BE MAINTAINED.

-- FOR OUR PART, WHILE WE DEFINITELY HAVE NO PLANS TO
PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MALTA, WE DO PLAN TO
CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE ALREADY GROWING U.S. BUSINESS
PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND.

-- WE HOPE THAT THE EUROPEANS WILL CONTINUE THEIR
DIALOGUE WITH MALTA.

7. MOROCCO (IF RAISED)

IN YOUR MAY 29 MEETING WITH DE GUIRINGAUD, YOU TOLD
HIM THAT WE WERE STILL LOOKING INTO KING HASSAN'S REQUEST
FOR AIRCRAFT FOR USE IN THE WESTERN SAHARA.

POINTS TO BE MADE:

-- WE HAVE SOME DIFFICULT PROBLEMS CREATED BY
MOROCCAN USE OF U.S. EQUIPMENT IN THE WESTERN SAHARA

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AND MAURITANIA. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK OUT A FORMULA
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MOROCCO TO US AND STILL
MEETING OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. WE WILL KEEP THE GOF
INFORMED AS THIS PROCESS DEVELOPS.

-- YOU MIGHT ASK DE GUIRINGAUD IF HE IS AWARE OF
ANY MOVEMENT OR THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY MOVEMENT ON THE

QUESTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE WESTERN SAHARA. CHRISTOPHER

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